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Sir:

The following amendments are requested to correct the specification to conform to the drawings. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Page 9, Paragraph beginning on Line 1 (Amended) Figs. 8A and 8B are flowcharts illustrating a purchase data interception process executed by the system shown in Fig. 1; and

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Page 9, Paragraph beginning on Line 4 (Amended) Figs. 9A and 9B are flowcharts illustrating a bonus exchange process executed by the system shown in Fig. 1.